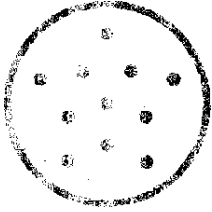


May 27, 2002

Dear Mr. Michael Powell,
With all the new telephone
companies competing with
SBC West we are losing
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13 December 2001

The Hon. Gary Feland
Chairman, Public Service Commission
1701 Prospect Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620

WC Docket No. 02-189

Dear Commissioner Feland:

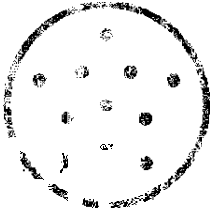
I'm writing to you as both a resident and business owner to talk with you about the state of telecommunications in Montana.

As I'm sure you are aware, advances in telecommunications have made it possible for people and small businesses across America to both save money on telecommunications services and to expand their options in terms of locating their homes and businesses.

Here in Montana, we stand to benefit if we can maximize our ability to have access to all of the options the industry has to offer, and that is why I am writing to you today. As I understand the situation, as a result of last year's merger between Qwest and U.S. West, Qwest was required to stop providing certain services to Montana customers including long distance phone service.

Pursuant to federal law, in order to provide Montanans with access to the full range of services available to other Qwest customers worldwide (some of whom are competitors of Montana companies), Qwest must receive regulatory approval from the PSC and the FCC.

I would like to urge you to act swiftly to approve Qwest's request. The sooner Montana businesses and consumers can have access to more service options and more competitive pricing, the



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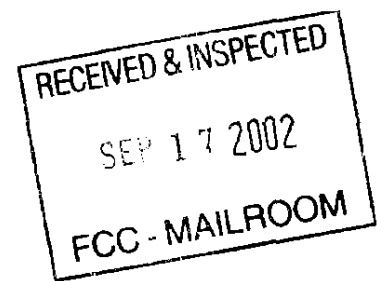
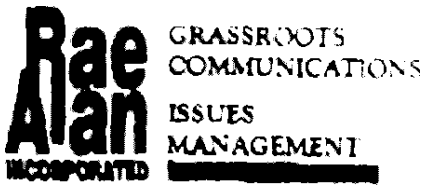
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sooner we will be able to save money on our bills and potentially create economic opportunities for our businesses and our communities.

Thank you for anything you can do to ensure this process moves forward swiftly toward what I hope will be a positive conclusion for all Montanans.

Sincerely,

Rob Hotchkin
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The Honorable Bob Rowe
Public Service Commission
Vista Building
1701 Prospect Avenue
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WC DOCKET NO. 02-189


Dear Bob:

Just a quick note to thank you for your leadership on the multi-Jurisdictional work regarding Qwest's re-entry into the long distance market in the former U.S. West territory. I'm encouraged the process seems to be moving along fairly well and know you will work for an outcome that is best for Montana consumers.

In the coming months, as this process moves toward a decision here in Montana, there will likely be those who, for various reasons, may seek to delay action on this matter. Given the potential positive implications to consumers of real competition in the long distance market, I hope you will continue to move toward a swift decision on this matter.

Thank you in again for all of your work and strong leadership on behalf of all Montanans.

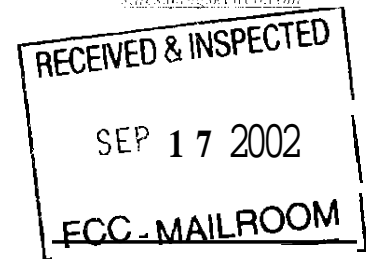
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The Honorable Gary Feland
Chairman, Public Service Commission
State of Montana
Helena, Montana 59620

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Chairman Feland:

As a small businessman whose enterprise is committed the helping businesses and non-profits get the biggest possible advantage from the internet, I wanted to take just a minute to weigh-in on the process for allowing Qwest to re-enter the long distance market in Montana.

When the Qwest - U.S. West merger was approved, the two major advantages were the likelihood of increased investment in high-speed infrastructure and the potential for increased competition should Qwest be allowed to re-enter the long distance market.

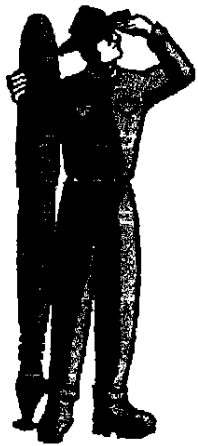
Both of these are important goals for not only my customers but for Montana as well. Should Qwest be allowed to re-enter the long distance market, the increased competition will likely be good for consumers and allow the company the increased customer base it may need to justify significant infrastructure investment.

As I understand it, the compliance issues for re-entry into the long distance market are very technical. I urge you to move this process forward in a deliberative manner that will allow this important decision to be made as soon as possible. The sooner Montanans have the benefits of increased competition and increased infrastructure investment, the better able we will be to compete in the global marketplace.

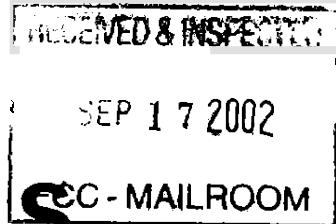
Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

GEORGE PARISOT
President



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The Hon. Gary Feland
Chairman, Public Service Commission
1701 Prospect Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Commissioner Feland:

As a small businessman, with operations in two different Montana Communities, I am writing to encourage you to come to a swift decision on the application of Qwest Communications to provide Montana consumers with another competitor in the telecommunications marketplace.

The data is clear. In other states where regional bell operating companies have been allowed to re-enter the market consumers have benefited both in terms of better service and reduced cost. In fact, a recent study indicated that Montana small businesses like mine would stand to save \$3 million dollars state wide in the very first year of full, fair competition.

I know the technical issues involved in this process are difficult and I appreciate and support the requirement that the applicant meet these standards. My request is simply that the process move forward with as much speed as possible for the longer this decision is delayed, the longer it will be until Montana consumers can see any benefit.

Thank you for your diligence and attention to this important matter.

At Your Service,

Bob Billings,
Owner

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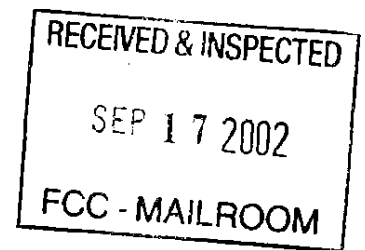
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The Honorable Michael Powell
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Powell:

VC DOCKET NO. 02- 9

As a small business owner, consumer and someone actively involved in public policy I wanted to take a moment to correspond with you about the application of Qwest Communications to re-enter the long distance telephone business in Montana.

There is **no** question that consumers benefit from increased competition **in** the marketplace. **In fact**, experts indicated the re-entry of Qwest into the long distance market could save the average consumer up to \$100 per year in competition **related** savings. For the residents of a state **like** Montana that ranks 50th in average annual wage, that savings can make a real difference to a working family.

I hope you will approve Qwest's application and help bring these savings to consumers in Montana and the other mostly rural western states served by Qwest Communications.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clayton Fiscus".

Clayton Fiscus

CC: Montana Public Service Commission



March 18, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairinan
Federal Communications Commission
44s 12th Street, S. W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Mr. Chairinan

I'm writing this letter to encourage you to do all you can to support competition in the telecommunications industry, specifically long distance service.

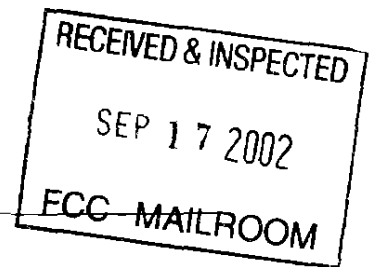
With all of the advancements we have in technology it amazes me that we are still paying such outrageous amounts for long distance phone calls. More choice in the market would help alleviate some of this high cost. More competition means lower rates and improved customer service. Who wouldn't want that?

Please join me in supporting Qwest's efforts to enter the long distance market. Thank you for your time and attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Will Macfarlane
Vice President, Marketing

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April 17, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a concerned telecommunications consumer in Colorado, I am writing to encourage the Federal Communications Commission to act favorably and quickly on Qwest Communications' application to offer long distance service to Colorado residents.

Competition in Colorado's long distance market is important to **keep** costs low and service **quality** high. Consumers should have every opportunity available to choose who serves their telecommunications needs.

In states like New **York** and Texas, consumers enjoy markets open to long distance competition. Studies have found that long distance rates in those states fell by 10-20%, local calling rates fell 4-6%, and local competition increased in both locations. I believe that Colorado consumers will find similar savings when Colorado opens its markets.

I hope that the Federal Communications Commission will act soon on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Lee A. Boughey

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April 18, 2002

Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554


Dear Chairman Powell:

As you **know**, Qwest is applying to the FCC for permission to offer long distance service in Colorado.

As a businessman, a Denver-area resident and a user of telecommunications services for more than thirty years, I firmly believe that opening up Colorado's communications market to competition will, as has already happened in Texas and New York, result in lower long distance rates.

I encourage the FCC to act quickly on Qwest's application and approve it.

Sincerely,



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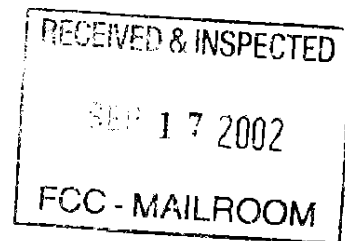
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June 28, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20554



Dear Chairman Powell.

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

I am responsible for managing the information technology needs for Noridian Mutual Insurance Company in North Dakota. I am extremely familiar with the telecommunication challenges facing this state, and I urge you to approve, without delay, Qwest's application to sell long distance in North Dakota.

Noridian Mutual Insurance Company is headquartered in Fargo and employs 2,100 people. My company relies on high-quality voice and data services to maintain our intricate health insurance services statewide. The availability of more long distance choices will enhance our ability to negotiate better prices. Telecommunications are a costly part of our business, and we work closely with vendors in order to meet our specific business needs.

The current LATA regulatory scheme is cumbersome and costly to my company. Eliminating these regulations will free up the market and create additional less costly options for us in fulfilling our telecommunications needs.

Qwest's entry into the long distance market will increase products and services available to all consumers by opening up Qwest's global network. Approving Qwest's application will **help** spur competition and improve the economy in North Dakota in a way that will directly benefit businesses.

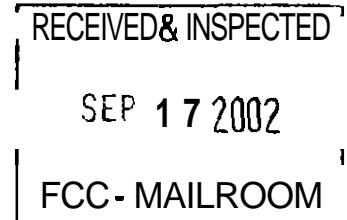
Sincerely,

Noridian Mutual Insurance Company

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Troy Aswege, Assistant Vice President
Information Services

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Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

March 27, 2002

Dear Chairman Powell,

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

As president of the Dickinson Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express support for the 27 process and the opening of North Dakota's long distance market to competition from our local bell operating company Qwest.

Last summer, our chamber voted to join North Dakotans for Telecommunications Choices. This group advocates for more competition in all telecomm services, starting with completion of the deregulation process which began with passage of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. We believe this is a positive process and will increase competition, give consumers more choices and reduce costs. In many North communities, including Bismarck, customers are already benefitting from the availability of competitive choices for local phone service.

Long distance regulation is costing North Dakota consumers at least \$15 million per year, and this is a concern to all of us who work to support a positive business environment in our state. Telecommunications are critical to nearly every business. Phones, cell phones, Internet, data networks - they all add to the cost of doing business. If North Dakota hopes to offer a competitive environment, companies must be able to receive the same attractive telecommunications packages and services here that are available elsewhere.

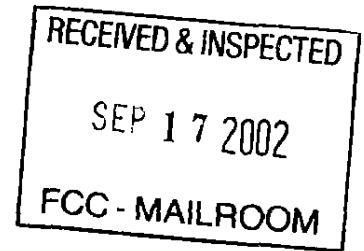
In today's current competitive environment, this is an issue of unnecessary government intervention in the business community. **It's** time for government to get out of this business and let the free enterprise system do what it does best. Open competition has always been a hallmark of this country.

I urge the FCC to proceed without delay to open the markets and allow the free market to operate at will.

Sincerely,

Rich Wardner, President
Dickinson Chamber of Commerce

Veteran Mortgage, Inc.
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Mountlake Terrace. WA 98043



April 10, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. S. W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Chair Powell,

As a Utility Commissioner, I well understand the constant drive to provide the best possible service at the fairest price to consumers.

Utilities are essential to our citizens quality of life, and a significant part of family budgets. When we can deliver a quality product, at a reasonable rate, consumers win and the utility remains vibrant.

Telecommunications is one such example

It is my understanding that greater service, lower prices and increased efficiencies can happen in the long distance industry through the granting of relief from the 1996 Telecommunications Act to companies like Qwest.

Already enacted with positive results in other states, further action is needed in those states not yet having acted.

Here in the state of Washington, we need Section 271 relief. According to an MIT study, Washington ratepayers will save over \$70 per year. That is in addition to simplified billing, greater service and more

I urge you to support relief from the 1996 Telecommunications Act for Qwest here in the Washington State.

Regards.

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Jim Brown Jr.

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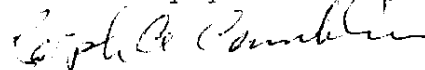
April 3, 2002

Dear Chairnan Powell:

I would very much like to see Qwest accomplish their mission by regaining long distance service. My opinion is that it would **be** in the National Interest, both in communication and employment, that Qwest regain long distance re-entry in their area of service.

As it looks now, many Retired and soon to be retired Employees are very close to losing benefits, they have worked a lifetime obtaining.

Sincerely yours,



Ralph A. Camblin
7511 King St.
Westminster CO 80030

March 20, 2002

Representative Jeff Moms
Washington State Legislature
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WC Docket NO. 02-189

Dear Honorable Representative Morris:

As one of our state's "senior citizens," I'm writing to **express my** very deep concern over our continuing lack of competition in long distance telephone service.

There is no **lack of** evidence to support the fact that genuine competition would save **our** state millions of dollars every year. Consumers in **other** states — like New York and Texas — already enjoy the cost-saving benefits of long distance competition. It has been proven time and again **that** competition not only **reduces** the high price of making a long distance call, it almost always **also** ushers in technological advances and improved overall phone service. **This**, in turn attracts business to our state. **business** that might otherwise locate elsewhere where long distance rates are cheaper.

For **people** like me, **who** live on a **fixed** income **and** must make every penny count, lower **long** distance rates would be a very real blessing. **And** there's no good **reason** that I can determine why we don't **go** ahead and let phone companies like Qwest enter the long distance marketplace. What **on** earth are we waiting for?

But there's more to this problem than **just** saving money. For people like **me**, with loved ones living far away, the high price of making long distance phone calls, prohibits **me** from calling them **as** often as I would like. It's a burden that simply should not be placed on **seniors**.

I **urge** you to do everything in your power to change this situation for the better. It doesn't require all that **much**. Just do what you can in your position of influence **to** introduce genuine long distance competition to our state.

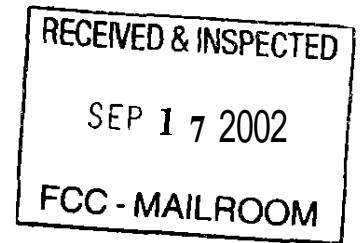
Sincerely,



Robert Otto
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Date 7/25/02

The Honorable Mayalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.-Portals
Washington, D.C. 20554



Dear Ms. Salas.

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

I am writing to you to express support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance business in Colorado. We believe ~~increased~~ competition will provide our ~~community~~ with broader choices, lower prices, better service and exciting new products and services.

As a community leader, I believe increased long ~~distance~~ competition ~~will~~ also generate increased investment in ~~Colorado~~ and ~~further~~ enhance an already ~~favorable~~ business climate for every community in the state. Increased competition will strengthen ~~our~~ local ability ~~to~~ recruit new economic development prospects, expand existing businesses and create new jobs. Competitive long distance telecommunications services are ~~essential to~~ the ~~economic~~ success of our community and the prosperity of the entire state of Colorado.

We understand that consumers in some other states where the Federal Communications Commission has approved increased long distance competition, including New York, Texas, ~~Massachusetts~~, Oklahoma and Kansas, are experiencing the benefits and lower prices from the entry of state's local phone company. We are anxious for Colorado consumers to enjoy the same positive benefits when Qwest is allowed to compete for long distance services.

We are aware that the Colorado's Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently ~~for~~ the ~~past two~~ and half years ~~to~~ ensure that ~~Qwest~~ has ~~complied~~ with all of the ~~requirements~~ of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, enabling their entry into the ~~long~~ distance market. We also understand that extensive testing by ~~an~~ impartial party was performed to ~~verify~~ that Qwest's network is fair ~~and~~ open to all long distance service providers.

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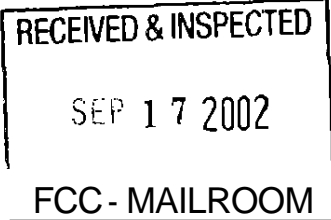
Thank you for your careful consideration of ~~this~~ request. If you have any questions, please call me at (area code) (telephone number.) 717 436-1777

Sincerely,

Name David H. Lischer
Title _____

Date 9-27-02

The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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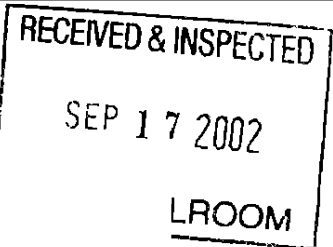
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Sincerely,

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Name E. L. Soder
Title _____



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March 7, 2002

The Honorable Magalie Roman Sales
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street S.W. - Portals
Washington, D.C.

ICC Docket No. 02-189

I am a resident of Lake County, Colorado who is retired from the telecommunications industry. Upon retirement, I moved to a rural area of Colorado for the quality of life there, the outdoor activities and the people. After moving here some seven years ago, I found the community in an economic crisis. The main source of the jobs for years had been the mining industry and they for numerous reasons had disappeared. The community found itself depending on tourism to us and to the major resorts in the counties to the north of us. No community can be depended on on industry for survival; also 50 to 50% of the people who are employed find themselves traveling to the counties to the north through dangerous passes during the winter months. Our largest employers in the county are taxing entities. This is not a healthy situation.

As result of this situation, and not wanting to see my retirement paradise become a ghost town, I started working on behalf of the community (as a volunteer) to see what we could do. After 2 1/2 years, we were able to obtain an extended calling area to the north. Because we are on the boarder of a LATA, the FCC also had to grant a waiver for calls across the LATA. This waiver was for voice only and has been a real help to us. However, we need the ability to cross for data also. This ability will help private business to take advantage of upgrades to the Quest network being made for the State of Colorado.

As I worked on our problems, I became well acquainted with the issues facing rural areas and have been interviewed for the Nightly News with Peter Jennings, Time magazine and have been on the front page of the Denver Post numerous times over the past several years.

My experience compels to support this 271 filing because I feel it is the only way we will obtain the much-needed broadband capabilities we need for economic development at an affordable price. Because I feel so strongly about this, I personally requested support from the community - residential, business and government. In two short weeks I was able to obtain over forty letters. Further, I am available to discuss the issues with the FCC staff in person or through technology. It is impossible to put everything in a cover letter that I feel might be useful information for you as you make your decision. For the record; I am not retired from U.S. West or Qwest and my interest in this filing is

purely for the health of and economic survivability of my community. I can assure you that I have over these past few years tried to encourage others to serve us but to no avail. Therefore, I feel that if it is possible, approval of this filing will encourage competition in rural areas that currently does not exist.

I sincerely hope that you will not take this filing lightly and you will listen to people who live in the underserved areas of the United States rather than the large interstate carriers who have not stepped up to serve us in areas outside of basic long distance service!

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,


Maryellen R. Thoren